from the banks and financial institutions; and

(c) whether Government propose to empower the Development Commissioner to act as a single clearance agency inclusive of finance through the EXIM Bank of India, or any other source?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise. .. ..

(c) There is no proposal to empower the Development Commissioner of the Export Processing Zone to act as a clearance agency for securing finance through banks. Loans are extended by banks and financial institutions only according to their duly constituted procedures.

Setting up of diamond cutting factories in China

2006. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that two leading Indian diamond export houses are setting up diamond cutting factories in China;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) what is the quantum of export of these companies during the last three years, year-wise;

(d) whether some other diamond exporters are also planning to set up diamond factories in other countries and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether this move is likely to pose a threat to the Indian diamond exports in the world diamond markets; and

(f) if so, what is the reaction of Government in this regard;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) The Government is not aware of any Indian diamond export houses setting up diamond cutting factories in China.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) The Government is not aware of any move on the part of Indian diamond exporters to set up diamond processing factories in other countries.

(e) and (f) If any such move materialises and diamond processing units come up in other countries, it will become necessary to examine its implications for and impact on Indian diamond processing industry.

Condition in asbestos industry

2007. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:
SHRI TALARI MANOHAR:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether asbestos industry continues to operate as before without due care of their workers' health;

(b) whether it is a fact that despite the declaration of asbestos industry as a dangerous process under Section 87 of the Factories Act, 1948 several State Governments have not so far taken necessary steps in their states and if so, the details of such States; and

((c) whether the Report of the Committee on Health Hazards is a secret document under the Official Secrets Act?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) Asbestos factories are covered under the Factories Act, 1948 and the Rules framed thereunder by the

State Governments and Union Territory Administrations. Implementation of the Act and the Rules is the responsibility of the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. Central Government had prepared and sent to the State Governments a specific Schedule on safe handling and processing of asbestos for adoption in the State Factories Rules. The details of States which have not yet adopted the above Schedule are being ascertained.

(c) The Report of the Committee on Health Hazards constituted by the Directorate General, Technical Development under the Ministry of Industry is not a Secret document.

Barter deals with Poland

2008. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to surplus cotton production, barter deals are being contemplated with Poland for import of maize in exchange as reported in the 'Economic Times' dated 25th October, 1986;

(b) whether instead of maize, edible oil can be imported in exchange; and

(c) whether Government propose to alter the cropping pattern along with price support to encourage production of oil-seeds and pulses and sugar which are staple diet for the common man and also in short supply?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) to (c) India is having rupee payment trading arrangement with Poland which provides for balanced trading between the two countries through matching of exports and imports on an aggregate basis over a period of time. Item by item deals are not provided for in the agreement. Cotton is included in the list of items of export from India to Poland and edible oil in the list of items of imports from Poland into India. Edible oil is being imported from Poland and efforts are being made to export cotton to Poland. Maize is not included in the list of imports from Poland. The Government makes continuing effort within the framework of its Five Year Plans to maximise agricultural productivity and induce farmers to move towards socio-economically optimal cropping patterns in the context of the prevailing agro-climatic regimes in various areas of the country. Special attention is being paid to intensify the production of oil seeds and pulses wrich are in short supply. Pricing policy and price support measures are alsc used as a major policy instrument to achieve this objective.

Average capital employed in various industries

2009. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) what is the average capital employed per employee per year during the last three years in coal, steel, electricity, fertiliser, heavy engineering, minerals, metals and oil in India;

(b) what are the monthly emoluments per worker in these industries; and

(c) what is the value added per month per worker in these industries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) to (c) Since the latest information under the Annual Survey of Industries (ASI) relates to the year 1982-83, a statement, containing information on average capital employed per employee, average emoluments per worker and average annual value added per worker for the years 1980-81, 1981-82, and 1982-83, except coal and oil, is laid